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Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF BENGUET

La Trinidad

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 10, 2003

- PRESENT: HON. EDNA C. TABANDA, Vice-Governor, Presiding Officer
 HON. CRESCENCIO C. PACALSO, Board Member
 HON. MARVIN D. ATOS, Board Member
 HON. MARCIANO T. INSO, SR., Board Member
 HON. LISO L. AGPAS, Board Member
 HON. JOSEPH A. COSENTE, Board Member
 HON. WASING D. SACLA, Board Member
 HON. BENJAMIN C. SAGUID, Board Member
 HON. JOHNNY S. UY, Board Member
 HON. SARIO M. COPAS, Board Member
 HON. DANIO L. BOLISLIS, Board Member
 HON. WILLIAM H. ESTEBAN, PCL President, Member
 HON. EDDIE P. AMUASEN, Liga ng mga Brgy. Pres., Member

ABSENT: HON. KRISTINE GRACE D. YUBOS, SKF President, Member

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 03-86

INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BENGUET VEGETABLE COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

“WHEREAS, the Province of Benguet is predominantly an agricultural economy where two thirds (2/3) of its population live in the rural areas who are dependent on agriculture and agricultural activities as source of income and livelihood;

WHEREAS, the deteriorating vegetable industry is likewise aggravated by some factors like the high cost of production, the manipulation of prices by cartels of middlemen, the absence of strong farmers organization and the unpredictable market forces compounded by the proliferation of imported defective seeds and importation of vegetables, whether legal or illegal, from foreign countries like China, Taiwan and Australia, among others, greatly contributed to the slowed down sales of vegetables in the market outlets;

WHEREAS, the survival and sustainability of the Benguet Vegetable industry should be a joint and collective undertaking by the local government units and the private sectors in coordination with the national government, if we are to be globally competitive; and

WHEREAS, to address the concerns of our farmers, it is but imperative to institutionalize the Benguet Vegetable Council, to oversee, among others, the different agricultural concerns if only to protect, improve and make the vegetable industry sustainable and competitive;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, be it

ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:

Section 1. **Title.** Institutionalizing the Benguet Vegetable Council and providing funds thereof.

Section 2. **Purpose.** To act as the coordinating body in the formulation of policy guidelines and master plans and programs, as well as the implementation of programs and projects that will ensure and better guarantee the effectiveness and sustainability of government assistance to the vegetable industry.

Section 3. **Composition of the Benguet Vegetable Council.** The Benguet Vegetable Council shall be composed of the following:

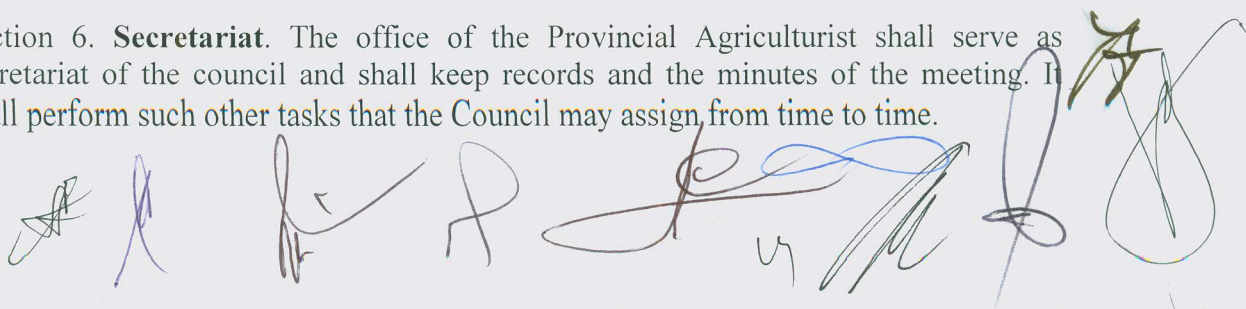
- Chairman: Provincial Governor and/or his representative
Members: SP Chairman, Committee on Agriculture
SP Chairman, Committee on Trade and Industry
Provincial Agriculturist
Regional Executive Director, DA-CARFU
ATI Superintendent
President, BSU
Provincial Director, DOST
Provincial Director, DTI
Director, HARRDEC-BSU
Representative, PIA-Benguet
BPI Superintendent
Private Sector Representative
Executive Director, CARAT
Representatives of agencies involved in foreign assisted projects related to agriculture
President, Benguet Mayors League
President, Liga ng mga Barangay
President, Provincial Councilors League
President, Benguet Farmers Federation, Inc.

Section 4. **Powers, Duties and Functions.** The powers, duties and functions of the Benguet Vegetable Council are as follows:

- a.) To study and recommend measures that will enable the Province of Benguet to cope up with the effects of full implementation of the agricultural provisions of the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade-World Trade Organization (GATT-WTO).
- b.) To study and recommend measures regarding the zoning/crop production programming of agricultural products, measures that can empower farmers to gain full control of the vegetable market, improving and increasing the quality of vegetables produced, implementation of localized Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Plan, development of farmers' organizations and similar concerns;
- c.) To oversee the successful implementation of agricultural programs and projects in close coordination with concerned NGAs or their respective field offices, component LGUs and NGOs/Pos and private and business sector;
- d.) To facilitate access to production and marketing resources opportunities through the continuous generation and updating of vegetable data, initiation of agreements with government and private institutions, conduct of comprehensive Information Education Campaign (IEC) and organizational management;
- e.) To monitor and evaluate the implementation of agricultural programs and projects based on a consolidated Provincial Agricultural Plan on a semi annual basis; and
- f.) To perform such duties and other functions deemed necessary for the protection, improvement and sustainability of the vegetable industry.

Section 5. **Meetings.** The Council shall decide among themselves the manner by which it will conduct its meeting.

Section 6. **Secretariat.** The office of the Provincial Agriculturist shall serve as secretariat of the council and shall keep records and the minutes of the meeting. It shall perform such other tasks that the Council may assign from time to time.

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Section 7. **Budget/Appropriation.** The Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall appropriate an amount of One Million (P1,000,000.00) pesos annually.

Section 8. **Per Diems.** An honoraria shall be given to the members of the council and the members of the secretariat especially those assigned to inspect, monitor and attend forums, trainings, meetings equal to those being given by the province, subject to provisions of existing laws.

Section 9. **Repealing Clause.** This ordinance repeals Executive Order No. 2003-11 dated March 31, 2003 entitled, "Further Amending Executive Order 2001-42 Creating the Benguet Vegetable Commission to oversee agricultural concerns of the Province of Benguet in relation to the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT)";

Section 10. **Separability Clause.** If any provision of this ordinance shall be declared null and void, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall remain valid.

Section 11. **Effectivity.** This ordinance shall take effect in January, 2004.

CARRIED."


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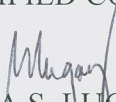

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ELLA S. LUGAY
Board Secretary IV

ATTESTED:


EDNA C. TABANDA
Vice-Governor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED


RAUL M. MOLINTAS
Provincial Governor

Date: JAN 05 2004